# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION Minutes of Meeting

August 6, 2014

The Connecticut Real Estate Commission convened on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Commissioners Present: Marilyn L. Keating, Acting Chairperson (Salesperson – 4<sup>th</sup> District)

Joseph B. Castonguay (Broker – 2<sup>nd</sup> District)
Lana K. Ogrodnik (Broker – 5<sup>th</sup> District)
Amy Bergquist (Broker – 1<sup>st</sup> District)

Morag L. Vance (Public Member – 4<sup>th</sup> District)
Joseph H. Kronen (Public Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District)
Theodore F. Ells, Esq. (Public Member- 3<sup>rd</sup> District)

Commissioners Absent: Linda C. Burnham (Salesperson – 2<sup>nd</sup> District)

Commission Vacancy: None

Attorney General's Office: None

DCP Staff Present: Michele Erling

Vicky Bullock Robin Washbond Richard Maloney Ryan Powers

Public Present: Lucy Ulrich

Beth Mectau Lucy Michaud

The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 9:15 am in Rm-126

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 CT Real Estate Commission meeting. Commissioner Keating abstained from voting due to her absence from the June 4, 2014 meeting.

#### **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY**

None

#### **CHRO**

**Genaro Hathaway** 

Mr. Hathaway did not appear at today's meeting.

The Commission took no action on this matter.

#### **REAL ESTATE APPLICATIONS / WAIVERS**

#### Janis Jones - RES.0758873- Seeking waiver of 60-Hour P&P Course

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to waive the 60-hour Principles and Practices course and that Ms. Jones must take the Real Estate Salesperson license examination.

#### REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVER/EXTENSION

Barbara Thompson – Seeking extension of time to complete 2014 CE elective requirements It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to grant Ms. Thompson an extension to December 31, 2014 to complete her 2014 continuing education requirements.

Commissioner Bergquist opposed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

 All-In Property Management LLC, aka Victoria Williams – Community Association Managers (CAM) Application

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to deny Ms. Williams' application for a Community Association Manager Registration and that the Department will notify Ms. Williams of the denial and her right to request a hearing before the Commission.

## 2. Thomas Jacovino dba CT Professional Business School – Department seeking to withdraw school approval

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to accept Mr. Jacovino's voluntary withdrawal of his school registration for CT Professional Business School and also includes any and all real estate education schools that require registration and approval through the Department that Mr. Jacovino owns and/or operates, and that any subsequent requests from Mr. Jacovino for school approvals shall be brought before the Real Estate Commission.

Commissioner Ogrodnik recused herself from this matter.

### 3. Approval 2014-2016 Mandatory Continuing Education Course: CT Real Estate Legal Review and Update

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to approve the Draft 2014-2016 Mandatory Continuing Education Course as proposed with modifications to occur within the next 30 days and then to be filed with the Real Estate Commission at their next meeting.

**4. Maximum number of hours a Pre-Licensing course can be taught in one day/one week** It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Castonguay 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried that the maximum number of hours a pre-licensing course can be taught in one day shall be increased from 6 hours to 8 hours and the maximum hours in one week shall be increased from 12 hours to 16 hours.

Commissioner Ogrodnik opposed.

#### 5. Continuing Education Audit

Real Estate Examiner Michele Erling informed the Commission that the Department is currently conducting a continuing education audit of all (100%) licensed Real Estate Salespersons.

#### COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- The Commission entered into a brief discussion with Department staff concerning the need for a review of the current Real Estate Regulations. The Commission decided to form a subcommittee to review the Regulations, update and make the necessary recommendations for change. The Committee members include Commissioners Keating, Bergquist, Ogrodnik and Ells.
- Commissioner Keating acknowledged UCONN interns Ryan Powers and Michael Rosenthal for all their hard work this summer assisting the Real Estate and Appraisal Division and she wished them well with their future studies.
- Commissioner Vance commended Commissioners Keating and Ogrodnik and Department staff for their time, effort and contribution in the development of the 2014-2016 CT Real Estate Licensee Mandatory Continuing Education Course.

• Attorney Vicky Bullock welcomed Lucy Ulrich, granddaughter of Commissioner Theodore Ells, as a special visitor attending today's meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Castonguay, Commissioner Ogrodnik  $2^{nd}$ , and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Washbond Commission Secretary

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